

It has been estimated that up to two-thirds of companies in the United States are classified as small businesses(hereinafter "SB"), which is regarded as the economic engine of the US by creating jobs and commercial opportunities. Moreover, because of their size, they are more adept in responding to changes in the business climate. Local and regional ISP's are members of the small business community. They create jobs and economic vitality to the areas they service. Moreover, because of their size they are able to provide more customized services at a higher level of support. Granting large telecommunication conglomerates the legal ability to dismantle individual ISP's will do a great disservice to the economy by creating monopolies and to customers who relies heavily on the expertise of local/region ISP's who can more easily accomodate their targeted customers. Please do not change or create any regulations that will allow the large telecommunication companies the ability to withhold access to the independent ISP's.